

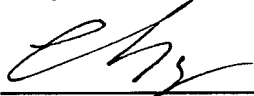
### REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that claims 17-20 are allowed and claims 23-35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amended claim 1 now includes the limitation of claim 23. Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the language of claim 1 as originally filed (rather than remaining dependent on claim 1). New claims 36 - 40 correspond to former claims 24, 27, 30, 31 and 34 rewritten independent form. The dependencies of claims 25, 28, 32 and 35 have been amended accordingly. Former claims 4, 10 -16, 21-24, 27, 30-31 and 34 have been cancelled.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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